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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!						

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THIS YEAR
LET'S SHARE



— MONITOR —

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

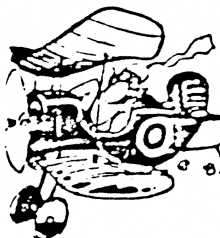
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Rebecca Nelson

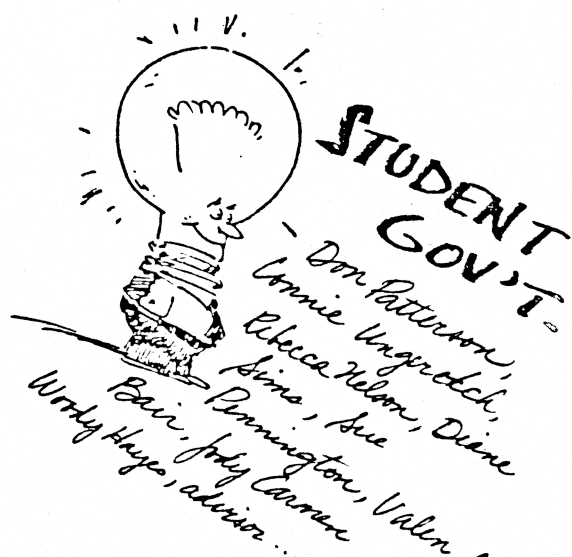
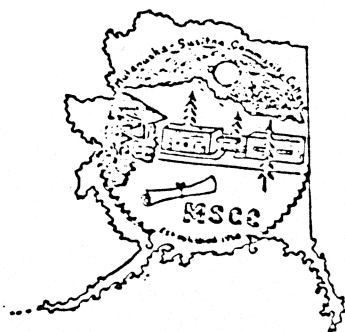


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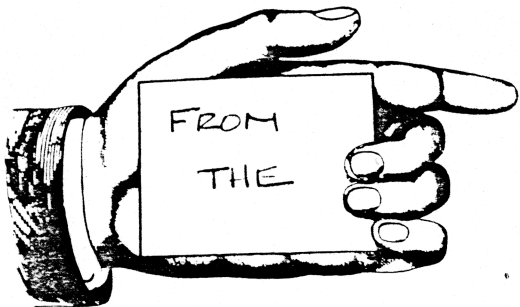
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SCHOOL SCOOP...

OF INTEREST...

EXPRESS YOURSELF...



PRESIDENT

Mat-Su Community College belongs to each of you. I hope that you can share and show your pride of ownership in this college as you continue your quest for knowledge and professionalism. Mat-Su is your home, at times, even though it is just one short pause in your journey through life.

I sincerely hope that your time at MSCC will become a joyous learning experience. I assure you that the staff at MSCC is one of the most dedicated groups of professionals in our society today. We are committed to help you. I am always available-- I have an open door policy at Mat-Su.

I hope and pray that the warmth, understanding and friendliness of the people at MSCC will make even the coldest day of winter seem warm and enjoyable to you. May your hearts glow with the new friends you meet at Mat-Su this semester.

God's blessings be yours.

Al Okeson

Al Okeson
Campus President

BULLETIN

(POST IT)

BOARD ...

* CRISIS LINE 24 HRS.

376-3706

(TO VOLUNTEER: 376-3356)

PALMER FISHHOOK AREA
BABYSITTER NEEDED
MONDAYS FROM
NOON TIL MIDNITE
3YR. OLD GIRL
1YR. OLD BOY
745-4969

FOR SALE —

4x4 SUBURU BRAT

25+ MPG \$3,500.00 OR ?

SEE JOHN @ ELEC. LAB OR
CALL 745-2994 DAYS

— TYPING SERVICE —

WILL TYPE PAPERS, REPORTS, ETC.

REASONABLE RATE\$.

COLLEEN PLASHA 376-2452

Student Housing
contact Janet Kincaid
Valley Hotel
606 S. Alaska St. 745-3330

MATANUSKA MERRY MAIDS
part time positions available
flexible schedule - general
housecleaning.
Karen & Jan 376-6987 a.m. 376-3612 p.m.

MATT'S VALLEY CATERING ...

WILL BE OUTSIDE MAIN DOOR
FROM 11-11:30 a.m. HOT & COLD
SANDWICHES, BURRITOS, CHIPS
& MORE ...

FOOD ...

Will house sit. Have refs -
all or part of December.

Alison Worcester (R.N.)
or leave mess.

376-7294 am 745-4813 pm

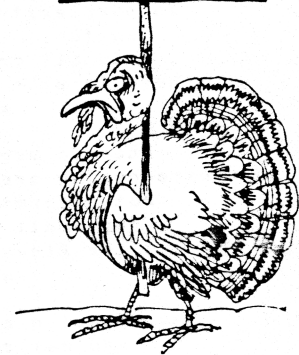
FOR RENT: 3 BRM,
1 BTH., PART. FURN.,
STORAGE ROOM, COZY
& QUIET COUNTRY
LIVING. \$750.00/mo.
\$300.00 DEP.
745-3037

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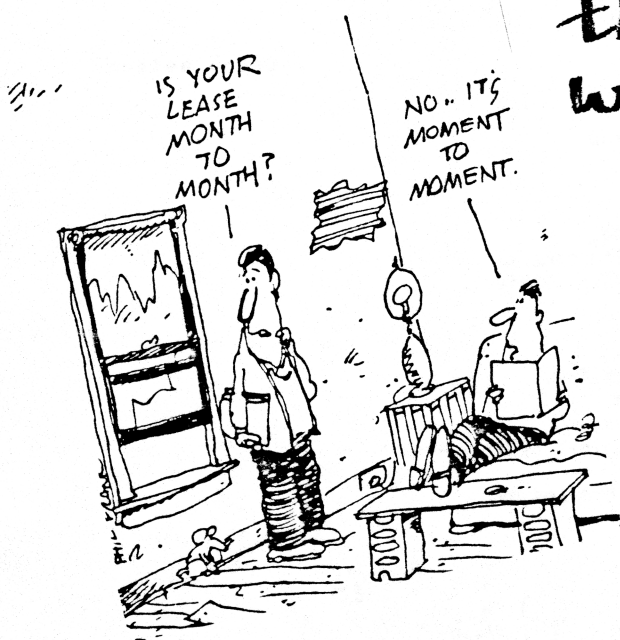
FROM WHENCE CAME THE SANDWICH ???

JOHN MONTAGU, THE 4TH EARL OF SANDWICH, LED A PUBLIC LIFE LACED WITH POLITICAL CORRUPTION AND A PRIVATE LIFE TAINTED BY QUESTIONABLE MORES. A COMPULSIVE GAMBLER, LORD SANDWICH WOULD REFUSE TO LEAVE THE CARD TABLE FOR A MEAL DURING A GAME AND, INSTEAD, WOULD HAVE A SERVANT BRING HIM A SLICE OF MEAT BETWEEN 2 PIECES OF BREAD - A SANDWICH...

TRY HAM
THIS
YEAR!



minds are like
parachutes.
they only function
when they're open.



"All I know is what
I read in the papers."
Will Rogers

FRIEND

In my journey through this world
 whatever Time may bring
 I am never so happy
 or so miserable
 that I can scorn or reject
 a friend

My tower of strength
 when burdens are greater than
 I can bear
 knowing I have the dearest thing
 in all the world
 a friend

When life seems pleasant and easy
 a friend increases my happiness
 and the cares of life
 knit us closer together
 For I know that I can always depend on
 a friend

I can rely on a friend's strength
 trust in the love that is there
 for each of us gives the strengthening
 and uplifting
 that is needed in each hour of life
 a friend

In perplexity, there is counsel
 In fear, there is courage
 In all great enterprises
 there is wise encouragement from
 a friend

When to urge, when to check
 not surrendering great ends for smaller things
 Not determining great issues
 by small considerations
 the steady force of
 a friend

Not opposing natural circumstances
 and natural development
 but seeks to guide wisely, growing with me
 sharing the things
 that make life worthwhile
 a friend

Time will weave a bond between us
 that Time itself can never break
 for deep in our hearts
 are the seeds of friendship sown
 I love you
 friend

rebecca nelson

SAD SEASON

It's already November
 and here I am stuck between
 down fall and bitter winter
 trying to remember
 some warm and sunny day
 or the extra easy way
 just loving you made me feel
 this year here is bound to get colder
 and I keep thinking
 every season, I'm a season older
 and no closer to holding you
 bitter winter, down fall
 really no special
 season at all

Kathie Jo Sievers-Autumn 1980

DEEP

Cold blue
 waves of the sea
 Monotonous
 in their restless
 Eternal dance

Shapes more strange
 Garden colored
 like sunsets
 Lawns and parks
 of brilliant hues

Forests
 of tangled seaweed
 Mountain peaks
 dark caves

Valleys so deep
 not a ray
 Of sunlight
 ever reaches them

Countless creatures
 dwell
 Never dreaming
 there's another world
 Above them

rebecca nelson

WIND

Spring is in the wind.
 It's in the things we do,
 the charity we share with others.
 Warm feelings we find deep within.....
 the wind.
 Blowing to and fro,
 til it crashes down!
 Taking faces filled with joy.
 Making faces in a frown.
 When the warm wind blows,
 can you feel its kind spirit flow?
 And when it's cool,
 does it bite you as it breezes by;
 and takes your breath!
 The wind.
 Kind, Gentle, Warm.
 But so much more.

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 Nelson

The Chester H. Jones Foundation announces

NATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION 1984

\$1000 First Prize

\$500 Second Prize

\$250 Third Prize

\$50 Honorable Mentions

JUDGES: Olga Broumas
Robert Pinsky
Dave Smith
Diane Wakoski

For information and entry form send self-addressed,
stamped envelope to:

The Chester H. Jones Foundation
P.O. Box 43033
Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Closing date for entries: March 15, 1984

*i never knew
you understood,
you
never knew
i didn't* KS

IT IS THERE

My dreams are high above the sky,
In an eternity of sphere.
And to this fine world I'd say good-bye;
If I could just go there.
As the nights grow long, and dark and cold,
My memory I seek.
To remember, just a moments time,
Of my days before this life.
To be atop a mountain's peak,
And feel our Lord's creations.
To have His spirit within so deep,
You could not begin to find it.
But it is there.

Velva

Letter to the Students ...

As student representative to the Search Committee, looking for the next U A President, I would like to be representative rather than a single opinion. In order to do that, I would like to be in touch with as many students and student groups as possible. I am not familiar with groups on other campuses, but would like replies to the following:

The Presidential Search Committee is requiring input to present to the Board of Regents as a recommendation for what the next U A President needs to be. The committee is concerned with the following issues:

- 1) What do you see as the University's role in state affairs?
- 2) What do you see the University actually becoming in the next five years?
- 3) Nominations for candidates
- 4) Additional sources for nominating

These and any other comments or concerns are welcome and will be considered. Remarks may be sent to:

Search Committee
The Alumni Office-U of A
Room 4 Bunnell Bldg.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Thank-You,
Pete Pinney

THINK A GOOD DAY!

PLAN A GOOD DAY!

PUT GOOD INTO THE DAY!

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Dear Editor,

Have to express an opinion... How far is this coffee program going to go? Everywhere you look there is a coffee pot going. I can understand employees having coffee makers in their offices but this student help yourself program in the classrooms... Dan worked on six coffee stains in room 212. A brand new building, new carpet and it's beginning to look as bad as the old Ballet Room with all the programs that have been through that room. Especially with coffee, it's almost impossible to keep the carpet looking nice.

ART

Dear Editor,

For a while I have wanted a penfriend in Alaska, so I thought that, by writing to your college, I might at last find one.

I am an eighteen year old English girl and would like one or more penfriends who live in the Palmer area. I am a student taking English, French and Psychology. My interests include theater, creative writing, music, tennis, basketball, all water sports, walking and camping. Someone enjoying any of these activities or courses would be ideal.

I suppose my main reason for wanting a penfriend in Alaska is that I am fascinated by your land. I have never lived there but it seems to be that it is a land of beauty, mystery and paradox...

Thank you so much for your help.

Yours Sincerely,
Angela Wright

(17, Stonewell Crescent
Nuneaton,
Warwickshire CV 11 4 SX
England)

LIBRARY NEWS

The open hours for MSCC Library are: Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. During semester break the library will be open Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Michele Leonard has just been hired as a permanent library employee. She is a graduate of MSCC, and began working in the library last year as a work-study student.

This month's library art show is exhibiting the work of Valley artist Jo Ann Tornberg. Next month's show will be a combined show featuring many local artists.

MSCC students are eligible to use the UA Library, but remember to take proof of your registration - either your registration receipt or your student ID card or you will not be able to check out library materials without paying a \$60.00 users fee.

HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S
CHRISTMAS MERRY ...

The 9th Annual Christmas Mail Call is now underway. This is an ideal project for students (as individuals or as members of groups), and is an exceptional opportunity for letting our young military people know that we have not forgotten them, that we are thinking of them--especially at Christmas when many will not be able to be with their families but will be on duty at bases and posts across the U.S. and around the world. (Mail was sent last year to the marines in Lebanon as well as to the U.S. peace-keeping forces in the Sinai.)

For information on how you as well as your college group or organization can have a part in this unique program, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (business-size if possible) to: ARMED FORCES MAIL CALL, BOX Q, HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO 88330, and mention that you read about Mail Call in this publication. Thank you!

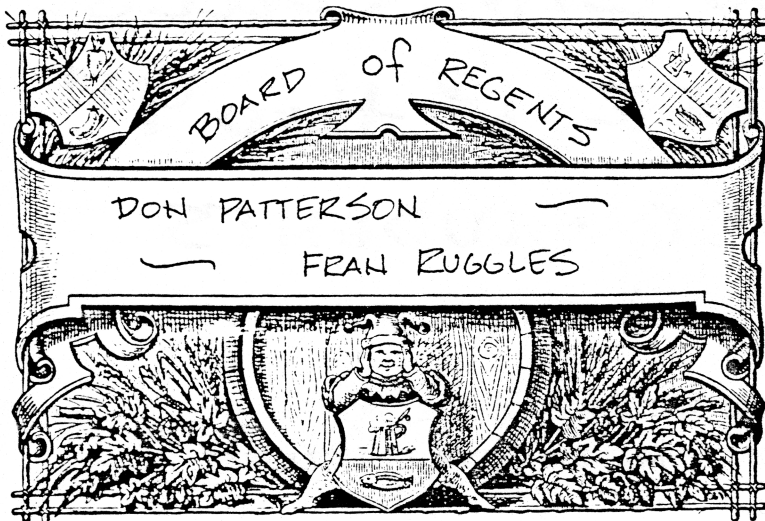
P.S. *Mail is sent not only to soldiers--but also to marines, sailors and airmen!

CONTACT: LEE SPENCE (505) 546-9641

THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES BUT DIFFERENCES
OF DEGREE BETWEEN DEGREES OF
DIFFERENCE AND NO DIFFERENCE

WILLIAM JAMES

Bits & Pieces



NOTICE . . .

STUDENTS WHO ARE PLANNING TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION AT A FOUR YEAR UNIVERSITY SHOULD REQUEST A CATALOG FROM THAT INSTITUTION BEFORE LOADING DOWN WITH CREDITS THAT WILL ONLY TRANSFER AS ELECTIVES.

ANOTHER EXTREMELY USEFUL AID TO PLANNING YOUR EDUCATION IS THE TRANSFER GUIDE, WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT MSCC SOON.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

BARBARA (SARAH) MATTFELD

ROBERTA CAYWOOD

KATHI VANZANT



ARTS FAIR - POSTER CONTEST

1st MARSHA HANNA

2nd SHEILA ROSE

3rd MARILYN CHEVALIER



Join Us...

Annual Arts Fair

WHERE: MAT-SU COMM. COLLEGE

WHEN: DECEMBER 1st thru 9th

WHO: ALL MSCC STUDENTS

PURPOSE: TO GENERATE INTEREST IN THE ARTS
TO GENERATE FUNDS FOR ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

S A L E AND/OR EXHIBIT OF:

ANY ARTS OR CRAFTS (HAND/MACHINE MADE)

PAINTING (OIL OR WATER COLORS)

POTTERY

SEWING

WEAVING

STAINED GLASS

BATIK

PHOTOGRAPHY

ETC...ETC...ETC...AND SO FORTH.....

10% of all sales to be contributed to MSCC ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

INTERESTED??? CONTACT: Susan Pennington 376-3737

Constance Ungerecht-pottery class M-Th. til 3 pm
Rebecca Nelson-office located off new lounge/cafeteria
area

OR: POST MESSAGE ON STUDENT MESSAGE BOARD

Going our way?

BASIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT A STUDENT'S POINT OF VIEW by Connie Ungerecht

Why is it that the State of Alaska imports a good portion of the food it sells within the State? Is the time close at hand when goods consumed by Alaskans will also be produced by Alaskans?

To reach this goal, people must be aware of the development problems such as climatic limitations, economic feasibility, problems of production and marketing, and many other facets of Agriculture. Mat-Su Community College is playing a vital role by bringing agricultural education to the public.

The future sees a new building on the MSCC campus. The planning of this building has to be formulated with organization, thoughtfulness and foresight. This is a wonderful opportunity that will benefit all.

We need a solar greenhouse so that students can become familiar with the use of solar energy and to view the stages of the growth of plants. It is important to develop plants that are adapted to our northern environment. There isn't a better place than here at Mat-Su.

The Science of Hydroponics warrants more attention than it is presently getting. With hydroponics in Alaska, the possibility of growing our winter food is limitless.

As a student enrolled in the Agriculture Program and a member of the Agriculture Planning Committee, I would like to see the following taken into consideration:

- Outside windows available in all classrooms
- Adequate lab space for plant and soil sciences
- The non-repetition of facilities already available to us (at the Experimental Farm)
- Adequate greenhouse space for students to carry on individual and group plant experimentation
- The availability of a four year degree in Agriculture

Since this building is for everyone, students and members of the community, it is important that you take part and voice your opinion. Let's hear from you either in person (Student Government meetings are open to everyone) or through our student newsletter, THE MONITOR.

... of interest ...

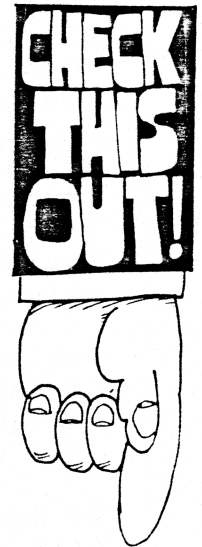
Three new one credit speech courses will be offered next semester by Barbara Mishler. Each will run five weeks, and a student may sign up for one, two or all three.

The first will be devoted to group discussion. Students will practice participating in and leading discussions for varying purposes. The problems of controlling and limiting topics, setting goals, and avoiding sidetracks gracefully will all be addressed. Students will also learn the rudiments of parliamentary procedure.

The next five weeks will be a class in interviewing. Students will role play both interviewers and interviewees for various situations: applying for jobs, counseling people with problems, interrogations such as IRS audits, and seeking information. The situations will be built around students' interests.

In the final five weeks the class will study persuasion. Ethical and unethical practices will be discussed as they apply both to advertising and public policy. Students will also learn debating.

In the past two years or so, quite a few students have asked to have a speech course which goes beyond the required Speech 111. Barbara has developed this one, which she hopes is versatile and thorough enough to attract a considerable registration.



↳ new courses offered !!

"THE 7th SEAL"

Friday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. Mat-Su Community College and the Mat-Su Community College Student Government will sponsor one showing of Ingmar Bergman's classic film THE SEVENTH SEAL. Bergman is a Swedish director of great artistry. On nearly every film critic's list of the world's all time best movies the Bergman name will appear--sometimes more than once. The starring role is played by Max von Sydow whom you may have seen recently in the TV epic, THE EMIGRANTS. Bergman wrote of this film, "The crusader returns from the Crusades as the soldier returns from war today. In the Middle Ages, men lived in terror of the plague. Today they live in fear of the atomic bomb." The theme of THE SEVENTH SEAL "is quite simple: man, his eternal search for God, with death his only certainty."

The script for this film is in the English 211 text. All students presently taking English 211 or who plan to take it next semester should consider this showing an assignment.

If enough people support this showing, the Student Government may sponsor another one next semester. SO--SUPPORT CULTURE IN YOUR COLLEGE! COME DECEMBER 2 AND BRING A FRIEND!

Student SPOTLIGHT



It started out weighing a mere one hundred ounces. It now weighs in at four thousand ounces, as in pounds, give or take an ounce, as in gold. Is it a semi? A big mac? No, it's SUPER WENDT, all Alaskan, well rounded, spirited young man of the 80's.

A published writer, accomplished photographer and enthusiastic gold miner, Ron Wendt is also an MSCC student. Next summer, Wendt hopes to produce a documentary on gold mining and mines as well as one on ghost towns along the Yukon.

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K.J.

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THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BEST
IN A WORLD OF INDIVIDUALS. HUGH PRATHER —

GOALS FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT
1983-84

THE GOALS SET DOWN BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT FOR THIS SEMESTER AND
NEXT ARE:

1. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
2. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
3. GUEST SPEAKERS
4. PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CAFETERIA FURNITURE
5. ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL ARTS FAIR
6. OPERATION REACH-OUT: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



All My Life...

by Rebecca Nelson

I have spent
a lifetime
with one woman.
Getting to know
her wants,
her needs, her successes.

I have spent
a lifetime
with one woman.
Getting to know
her oddities,
her strengths.

I have spent
a lifetime
with one woman
finding her self-confidence;
accepting the woman she is.

I have spent
a lifetime
with one woman
and finally
I know who
I've been sleeping with
all my life.

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SUE PENNINGTON, REPRESENTATIVE



FRAN RUGGLES, REPRESENTATIVE &
PHOTOGRAPHER



DIANE SIMS, REPRESENTATIVE

JODY'S GONE AGAIN.....

WELCOME NEW MSCC STUDENTS

by Fran Ruggles

If you are one of the fortunate people who finally found the entrance to Mat-Su Community College, congratulations! I speak for all returning students when I welcome you who have decided to take the big step in making yourself a better person, both emotionally and intellectually.

If you are like the majority of community college pupils, you are near thirty years old, married or recently divorced and have a child or children tugging at your heels. When you dressed for the first day of class, you had enough anxiety to fill an Alaskan oil drum. You undoubtedly wondered if you would be the oldest student in the class and questioned how you would be accepted.

Before long, you realized that everyone, at one time or another, felt the same way. You made new friends and saw a few familiar faces. You found the faculty and staff friendly and understanding of the large gap between your high school credits and those of the present.

Your first semester is coming to an end. You are now an old hand at term papers, and mid-term exams; you've learned how to use the change machine and have located the mechanical cafeteria. You've begun to plan for the Spring semester from schedules labeled "TENTATIVE", "STILL TENTATIVE", "JUST IN CASE TENTATIVE," and "IF ALL ELSE FAILS TENTATIVE".

Again I welcome you to Mat-Su Community College. If there are questions still unanswered, feel free to ask any of us who are nearing completion of our two year stint. You can recognize us by our "rode hard, put away wet" appearance. We may not have the answers, but talking to us, keeps us awake.

Dear Students of Mat-Su Community College:

Fall is always a special time at Mat-Su, for the air is filled with a feeling of vigor and a burst of extra energy. It means that the students are returning or registering for the first time. Each student comes with a unique mission and the many missions are bonded together by a common theme--the desire to learn.

I wish you success in this year's academic experiences and hope you continue your pursuit of knowledge throughout your lifetime.

Glenn Massay
Academic Dean



It is the quiet courage of the
lives of multitudes of people
that makes a nation great.
There are moments on the
battlefield that a man feels he
would die to live through, but
the battlefield of war is not
for most of us. For most of
us there are the quieter
battlefields of peace.

Arthur Mee

The life we choose to live within ourselves may have its
battlefields, its NO MANS LAND; bitterness that nobody knows,
suffering endured alone, decisions made without a friend to help;
bearing pain for which no doctor has the cure.

We steel ourselves for the stern needs of life. We put on the
whole armor of our being. When courage comes, in the silent
hours, in solitary places, we grow strong. Life is hard at times
for all of us, and only courage will pull us through.

Courage grows with the will to be brave. If we face life with
confidence, believe, with Socrates, that, "to the good man no
evil thing can happen," it will help us endure whatever it is we
have to face.

When we come to stony ground, we must not turn back. If life
isn't a bed of roses, we must not wince. When those who have a
little power use it harshly, we must not fear them. Opportunities
must be seized with eagerness and zeal; we must be willing to
run the risk of taking chances. We must have the courage to be,
and to close our minds to nothing that has in it promise of a
better future.

It takes courage to accept the things we cannot change;
Courage to change the things we can.

Rebecca Nelson

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SAY HELLO TO HEIDI

Heidi Sinford is thirteen.

She attended Wasilla Junior High
until the doctor diagnosed cancer.

Now Heidi is in Virginia Mason Hospital.

Her grandmother, Kathy Sargent, a student at MSCC
requests that those of you who would like to encourage
.....this child to keep her personal dreams alive.....

Please write
...or send..
....a card...

HEIDI SINFOR
4716 46TH AVE. N.E.
SEATTLE WA 98166